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ABC Honors Kern County Sheriff and Bakersfield Police For Excellent Alcohol Enforcement

Bakersfield-California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Assistant Director Joseph Cruz today recognized the hard work done by the Kern County Sheriff's Department and Bakersfield Police Department for their participation in a grant program during the past year.

The two departments received special plaques for their contributions towards reducing alcohol-related crime. Last year, the Kern County Sheriff's Department was the recipient of a \$50,000 grant through ABC's Grant Assistance Program, also known as GAP. The Sheriff's Department shared those resources with the Bakersfield Police Department in order to aggressively combat alcohol-related crime.

During the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the two departments worked closely with ABC and enforced alcohol laws through a variety of operations including Minor Decoy Operations, Shoulder Tap Operations and general alcohol enforcement activities. The two departments were responsible for filing 30 accusations against Kern County businesses. In addition approximately 150 individuals were arrested for violating alcohol laws.

"These two departments displayed a great amount of professionalism during the past year," said ABC Director Jerry Jolly. "Through their efforts, Kern County is a safer place to live, work and play."

For more information on the operation, contact the ABC district administrator or district supervisor at (661) 395-2731.